



South East Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee

Conference Call Notes

January 12, 2009

13:00 – 15:00

Call in number: (800) 369-1739

Pass Code: 25664

Attendees: Kathi Ayers, RN
Raul Coimbra, MD
Sue Cox, RN
A. Brent Eastman, MD
Les Gardina, RN
Dot Kelley, RN
Virginia Hastings
Cynthia Marlin-Stoll, RN
Sharon Pacyna, RN

EMSA Staff: Johnathan Jones, RN
Bonnie Sinz, RN

Agenda Item: Regional Summit – Evaluation Summary

Sharon summarized the information from the Meeting Evaluations:

Speaker Ratings

- Excellent 63%
- Very Good – 31%
- Good – 6%
- Fair - .05%

Course Objectives Met

- Excellent 81%

Relevance to Work

- Excellent 92%

Break Out Sessions Inclusive?

- 75% Yes

Materials

- Excellent 71%

Flow/Structure

- Excellent 67%

Facility

- Excellent 95%

Written comments were also favorable.

Action Item: Sharon will forward Evaluation Summary to the Steering Committee.

Agenda Item: Regional Summit – Debriefing

Sharon hoped to have more pre-hospital participation from San Diego next meeting. Virginia stated she had good representation from her County – she invited personnel that attended the State Summit.

Some thought the Triage and Repatriation Break Out sessions could have been shorter. The QI Break Out used all its allotted time.

The venue was great. It was easy to get to in and out and close for everyone.

Dr. Coimbra thought the meeting was fantastic and the committee expressed the importance of maintaining the momentum and interest that was evidenced at the Temecula meeting.

Triage Discussion

It was questioned whether each region should have the same triage document.

Virginia cautioned that triage criteria are County policy so the criteria can't be changed based on the Triage Break Out discussions. Perhaps recommendations can be made to local agencies. For example, making a change in Imperial County GCS criteria from 11 to 13 might have a significant impact.

Dr. Coimbra expressed he believes it is acceptable for counties to have different criteria. It would give us the opportunity to collect data and share data. The value of being different is we can compare outcomes.

Dot suggested using templates with leeway to change. Minimum requirements could be established.

Les stated that Level III and Level IV Trauma Centers are always looking for mentors. Bonnie stated that Imperial County is starting to show interest in abstracting data for a registry. Sharon and Cindi offered assistance.

Dr. Eastman voiced that triage criteria are not really based on hard evidence. If we can get data from trauma centers and non trauma centers we would have a valid denominator and we could re-write trauma triage criteria.

Les suggested establishing a design for a research study to look at triage criteria.

Cindi is in dialogue with the Coroner regarding access of autopsies from non trauma hospitals. ICEMA does not get that data. San Diego routinely receives NTC autopsies and reviews questionable cases at MAC.

Bonnie suggested perhaps state could offer valuable information.

Dr. Coimbra suggested that we not look at over/under triage per se. Rather, can we learn anything from other counties based on differences in triage? We don't need to make it too complicated now. We could look at one or two clinical situations and analyze the results to determine if there is opportunity for improvement. We need to do it and do it quickly.

To identify what triage criteria have been met, each chart will need to have the run sheet.

Action Item: Identify available data sources.
Cindi will contact Nancy and Mike at Loma Linda to
determine if their research fellow can assist with our project.

Les will determine whether SD County can make aggregate
data available.

Cindi asked how should we prioritize our projects and suggested using the California Highway/Safety Plan as a template.

Agenda Item: Steering Committee Membership

Now that we have had the RTCC Regional Meeting do we think we should add other members to the Steering Committee? Some members believed we had sufficient membership. Sharon felt we were SD top heavy. Bonnie and Virginia can look at their areas for recommendation. Dr. Coimbra emphasized we are looking for expertise not the person. It was decided to maintain the current Steering Committee membership.

Agenda Item: Next Steps

Dr. Coimbra suggested the morning session could be used to report on Committee activities that have transpired since the Temecula meeting. Objectives could be established for the afternoon breakout sessions. It is important to keep participants informed. Each subcommittee should get back to the groups with project activities.

Kathi stated a lot of time was spent bringing people up to speed and getting everyone on the same page. So next time it should go more quickly.

Dr Coimbra suggested the Break Out sessions be summarized and distributed to participants. These summaries can serve as working documents for the subcommittees.

Virginia and Cindi suggested summarizing the morning session as well.

Bonnie volunteered to summarize the PowerPoints.

Sharon asked if we could put the summaries and PowerPoints on the RTCC web site.

Action Item: Each Break-Out Lead will summarize meeting discussions and have available by January 21st.

Summaries will be reviewed by Steering Committee on the February 2nd Conference Call and drafts will be forwarded to Break-Out participants.

Bonnie will summarize PowerPoints

Cindi reported that the Annual EMS conference is on June 2nd and 3rd in Palm Springs. Maybe our next South East RTCC Meeting could be held on June 4th.

Action Item: Cindi will ask Heidi if she could Host our RTCC meeting.

One hour Conference Calls were scheduled as follows:

February 2, 2009 2-3pm
March 2, 2009 2-3pm
March 30, 2009 2-3pm
April 27, 2009 2-3pm
May 14, 2009 1-2pm
May 28, 2009 1-2pm

Action Item: Bonnie will forward a Call-in Number.